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2009 SPRING UPLAND GAME



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You can also take a hunter education course online!
For more information, visit:
www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/

HUNTING GUIDE SERVICES

For a list of licensed California hunting guides, visit: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/hunting/hunting.html. Click on the "Publications and Lists" tab.

CALIFORNIA HUNTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The full text of California's hunting regulations can be found in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, and in the California Fish and Game Code. Both can be found on the DFG Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations/index.html. Printed copies of the regulations are also available at DFG offices and license agents.

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This booklet is intended to assist hunters in applying for deer and other big game tags. It does not replace the California Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers. For more detailed information concerning regulations, consult the *California Hunting Regulations*, available at any DFG office (see page 2 for phone numbers); or online at www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations/index.html.

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HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Anyone applying for a hunting license must provide evidence that they meet hunter education requirements. Applicants must present **one** of the following as evidence of hunter education when applying for a California hunting license:

- An annual California hunting license issued in any prior year;
- A two-day nonresident California hunting license issued after the 1999/2000 license year;
- A written declaration which states that the applicant had a California hunting license in any prior year, but that license is now lost or destroyed;
- A California certificate of hunter education completion or equivalency with a California hunter education validation stamp (see Hunter Education Program, page 5);
- A certificate of successful completion of a California-approved hunter education course from any state or province; or
- A current hunting license or a hunting license issued in either of the two previous years from any state or province.

VALIDATION OF LICENSES

To be valid, every California hunting license shall be signed by the licensee, and the license shall show the date of issue. In addition, the license shall contain the following information about the applicant: true name, residence address, date of birth, height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, and sex.

LICENSE PROVISIONS

A California hunting license is required for taking any bird or mammal. Hunters must carry licenses and be prepared to show them on request to any peace officer. Guns and other equipment used in hunting must be shown on request. A trapping license is required to sell furs of furbearing mammals and nongame mammals, regardless of the method of take.

REFUND POLICY

Hunting license fees are nonrefundable. Tag/application fees are nonrefundable unless stated otherwise. Refunds will not be issued for emergency area closures due to fire, weather or any other conditions.

The purchase of hunting licenses and tags is an investment in the continued existence of California's hunting heritage. Funds raised from the sale of these items are used to conduct surveys and research, perform habitat maintenance and improvement projects, and meet the administrative requirements necessary to conduct all hunting seasons. Any reduction in this funding impacts the DFG's ability to perform these duties.

DUPLICATE HUNTING LICENSES

California hunting licenses come with an Application For Duplicate. If you lose your hunting license, you must turn in your Application For Duplicate at a license agent or DFG office to obtain a duplicate.

Keep your Application For Duplicate in a safe place! If you lose your license and your Application For Duplicate, you must pay the full fee to replace your license.

DISABLED VETERAN HUNTING LICENSES

If you are a disabled veteran, you may be eligible for a reduced-fee hunting license, available only at DFG offices. To qualify for this license, you must submit **both** of the following:

- a letter from the Veterans Administration verifying that you have a 50 percent or greater service connected disability and were honorably discharged from the United States armed forces; and
- evidence of meeting California hunter education requirements.

To renew this license, you may submit a previously issued disabled veteran hunting license as proof of eligibility. Hunting tags and species stamps must be purchased at full fee.

PERMIT FOR DISABLED ARCHERS

The Disabled Archer Permit is valid for one year, from July 1 through June 30, and requires certification from a licensed physician that the hunter cannot hold a bow in the firing position. If the language from the physician indicates that the hunter's disability is permanent the hunter will be able to provide a copy of their previously issued Disabled Archer Permit to obtain a new permit rather than obtaining certification from a licensed physician again. Contact your nearest DFG office for an application.

HUNTER SURVEY

License sales agents are being asked to capture the name, driver license or identification number, date of birth, and address, of one hunter per hunting license book. Licensee information will be provided to DFG biologists to conduct surveys. This information is critical to allow the DFG to more accurately estimate hunter effort and harvest rates. Hunter participation is voluntary and providing the driver license or identification number is optional; however, it will help expedite the data entry process.

If you would like more information regarding the hunter surveys, please contact Tom Blankinship of the DFG's Wildlife Branch at (916) 445-3615 or via email at: tblankin@dfg.ca.gov.

ENSE INFORMATION

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP) STAMP REQUIREMENT

If you plan to hunt migratory game birds in 2008/2009 (ducks, geese, coots, dove, band-tailed pigeon, snipe, gallinules or black brant) you must complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey and affix a **free** HIP Stamp to your California Hunting License. HIP surveys and stamps are available at license agents. Hunters may be cited for hunting migratory game birds without a HIP stamp affixed to their license.

LICENSE PRIVILEGES CAN BE REVOKED

The Fish and Game Code provides that the Fish and Game Commission shall revoke the hunting privileges of any person who is convicted of three violations of the state's hunting laws or regulations within any five-year period. FGC 12155, T-14 745.5.

HUNTING LICENSES AND TAG FEES

Includes 5% license agent handling fee. License Year runs July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009.

Hunting Licenses

Resident, age 16 and over	\$ 38.85
Nonresident	134.95
Junior (resident/nonresident), under age 16	10.25
Disabled Veteran*	6.00

Hunting Tags and Stamps

Upland Game Bird Stamp	7.90
California Duck Stamp	16.80
Federal Duck Stamp	15.00
Wild Pig Hunting Tag	
Resident	18.65
Nonresident	62.20

*Available from DFG offices only.

Looking for a license agent in your area? Visit our Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html.

HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES

There are no age restrictions for hunter education classes but most instructors set a minimum age requirement of 10 years of age. Classes include at least 10 hours of instruction in a wide range of topics, such as hunting ethics, wildlife conservation and management, safe firearms handling, first aid, survival, wildlife identification, and care of game. There is a minimal fee to cover the instructor's out-of-pocket expenses. For information on upcoming classes, visit the DFG's web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/. You can also take a hunter education course online! For more information, visit the DFG Web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/.

HUNTER EDUCATION EQUIVALENCY EXAMS

Hunter education equivalency exams are given by appointment at DFG regional offices for a fee of \$47.00. (California equivalency certificates may not be accepted as evidence of hunter education in some states.)

DUPLICATE HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

Duplicate hunter education certificates can be issued to any person who completed and passed a hunter education class after 1989. The DFG does not have records before this date. If the class was completed prior to 1989, the hunter should contact the original instructor, club, or organization where the course was taught to obtain a duplicate. If the hunter is unable to obtain a duplicate through these means, they will have to repeat the course. The fee for a duplicate certificate is \$4.75, plus \$3.70 for a hunter education validation stamp. Contact your nearest DFG office for additional information.

ARCHERY TRAINING

The DFG recommends participation in the National Bowhunter Education Foundation's archery training course for all persons using archery equipment. Please contact your nearest DFG regional office or www.nbef.org for information on class availability.



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TURKEY HUNTING

Spring turkey season is from March 28 – May 3, 2009, and an additional season from May 4 – May 17 is open for archers and junior hunters. Also, the Saturday and Sunday preceeding the opening day of the general season are open for apprentice junior hunters only. The spring season bag and possession limit is one bearded turkey per day and three per season. A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers. In addition to a hunting license, an Upland Game Bird Stamp is required by adult license holders to hunt turkeys. Spring shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

There are an estimated 240,000 wild turkeys in California. According to the DFG Annual Hunter Survey, about 19,000 turkeys are harvested each spring and another 6,000 are harvested in the fall. The numbers of wild turkeys appears to be stable in California and a similar number of turkeys is expected to be taken this year.

In California, the Rio Grande turkeys are found in the blue oak covered foothills and sometimes in the Central Valley river bottom habitat. When scouting an area for turkey sign look for tracks, feathers, scratching, dusting areas and droppings. Look for dusting areas with tracks in them or roost trees with droppings and feathers under them. In dry areas, search around water sources for turkey tracks. The best times to look or listen for turkeys include the early morning hours from one-half hour before sunrise until mid-morning, and late in the evening as the turkeys go to roost.

The male turkey gobbles primarily for two reasons: to attract hens for breeding purposes, and asserting dominance. Although more common in the spring, gobblers can be heard throughout the year.

Turkeys also “yelp.” Both gobblers and hens, as well as young turkeys

(jakes and jennies) will use one form or another of the yelp, often as a basic communication call.

There are many different types of yelps, ranging from quiet tree yelps made by hens while still on the roost, to louder, coarse gobbler yelps made by both adult and juvenile males. The translation of any yelp depends largely on the call's volume, intensity, cadence or rhythm, and frequency, or how often it's repeated or the length of the call's duration. A tree yelp, for instance, may contain only three or four low-volume calls, while a turkey that's become separated from the flock may yelp 18 or 20 times in a row, and with much more enthusiasm and volume.

If you do not hear gobblers calling, try a crow call, owl call or predator call in early morning or just before dark. Gobblers will often respond, giving away their location.

The most effective way to call a spring gobbler is by reproducing the sounds a hen makes. The easiest calls to master are the friction calls (box, peg and slate, peg and glass, or push button). Diaphragm mouth calls are the most versatile calls but require much practice.

Beginners should remember that it is better to call too softly than too loudly, and to call too rarely than too

frequently. Timing, or rhythm, can be more important than the actual quality of sound.

The best camouflage clothing is both protective and comfortable. Hands, face, and gun should be camouflaged. The illusion of depth is the key to great camouflage clothing. Earth tone colorations and careful arrangement of simulated limbs, leaves, sticks, and twigs in clothing can make one disappear into the surrounding terrain.

Shot size used to hunt wild turkeys is typically #4, #5, or #6. A turkey hunter shoots for a specific spot on the bird, namely the head and neck. Multiple pellet hits in this area is the best way to bag a wild turkey.

Jakes are one-year old or younger toms which have spent the fall establishing dominance among themselves. They usually avoid the older toms and come silently to a hen call. Most of us would like to shoot the biggest, oldest gobbler. He is likely to be the dominant one within a flock. When watching a small group of gobblers in the spring as they approach a hen or come to your calling, look for the long beard that does most or all of the strutting. The other gobblers around the dominant bird will often strut, too, but usually they will not strut as long or as fully fanned.

SAFETY CONCERNS

There are some important points to keep in mind regarding safety when turkey hunting. Because of the nature of turkey hunting (camouflaged clothing and turkey calls), it would be possible to initially mistake another hunter for a turkey. Some of the safety precautions to remember are as follows:

- Because other turkey hunters may be in your vicinity, don't assume that the turkey calls you hear have not been made by another hunter, no matter how authentic the calls sound.
- Don't wear clothing that contains red, white, or blue. These are colors on a gobblers head.
- Be cautious when using a gobbler call.
- When selecting a site to call from, try to pick a location where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- If feasible, sit with your back against a tree at least as wide as your shoulders.
- As additional safety issue involves Lyme Disease. The tick that carries Lyme Disease occurs in portions of California that contain turkeys. Dr. Robert Lane, Professor of Medical Entomology at the University of California, Berkeley, and a well-known researcher, has been investigating the natural history of this disease for many years. He recommends that turkey hunters can take several measures

to protect themselves. Commercial sprays that contain the active ingredient permethrin can be applied directly to clothing, and are highly effective in disabling or killing ticks soon after contact. Also, hunters are encouraged to inspect their clothing and skin frequently while outdoors and afterward for presence of ticks. If an attached tick is found, it should be removed promptly. Pull the tick out by the head, using tweezers, by slowly and steadily pulling straight backwards until it releases its grip.

ANOTHER NEW SPRING SEASON FOR APPRENTICE JUNIOR HUNTERS

Last year, as part of the Department's Apprentice Hunts, the Fish and Game Commission approved a regulation change that allowed apprentice juniors to hunt for an additional 14 days after the close of the general season (May 4 through May 17, 2009). Beginning in 2009, apprentice junior hunters will also be able to hunt on the weekend prior to the general season (March 21 and 22, 2009). As during the general season, only bearded turkeys may be taken, and no more than three turkeys may be taken during all of the spring seasons combined (general, archery, and apprentice junior hunts).

ABC's of Wildlife Areas and Federal Refuges

The DFG manages over 100 lands statewide for public hunting. To maintain high-quality hunting opportunities on the most popular areas, the DFG controls access by issuing entry passes through lottery drawings.

Type A and B Wildlife Areas are the high quality waterfowl/pheasant areas with check stations that are located throughout the state. As a rule, hunting is on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season. The Type A areas require a daily pass (\$16.50), a 2-day pass (\$28.10), or a Type A season pass (\$130.75). The Type B areas require the Type A or B season pass (\$43.60). Other types of hunting such as dove, deer, and rabbits are also available on many of these areas.

The Type A areas include: Colusa NWR, Delevan NWR, Sacramento NWR, Sutter NWR, Gray Lodge WA, Yolo Bypass WA, Upper Butte Basin WA (Howard Slough, Little Dry Creek and Llano Seco Units), Grizzly Island WA, (also

see Type B list), Los Banos WA, Mendota WA, Volta WA, San Luis NWR, Merced NWR, North Grasslands WA (China Island, Gadwall and Salt Slough Units), Imperial WA (Wister Unit), Kern NWR, Salton Sea NWR, and San Jacinto WA.

The Type B areas include: Grizzly Island WA (Gold Hills, Goodyear Slough, and Island Slough Units), Ash Creek WA, Butte Valley WA, Honey Lake WA, Shasta Valley WA, and Willow Creek WA.

Type C Wildlife Areas are the majority of the wildlife areas and there is no fee charged for hunting these areas. Permits are not needed except for the busy days, e.g., first nine days of the

- A decoy should never be visible while being transported; cover it.
- Whenever possible, set-up by a "stand" tree that is wider than your shoulders and taller than your head.
- From your seated position, identify the clearest line of vision to your front. Establish a "sight line" that allows you 100 yards visibility. Then set your decoy(s) approximately 20 yards from your position on the line.
- Should you see another hunter (especially if he/she is close to your "line of sight") call out to them in a loud, clear voice. Their presence has already compromised your location and a "soft" call may only confuse them, rather than alerting them to your presence.
- If you are calling over decoys and then elect to move to a new location, check carefully to ensure that no one is stalking your decoys. Check before leaving your "stand" tree. Should you see someone in the area, call out to them in a loud, clear voice.

~ National Wild Turkey Federation

spring turkey hunting season. There are dozens of these wildlife areas located throughout the state where hunters can hunt rabbits, dove, tree squirrels, deer, quail, wild turkey, and waterfowl and more any day of the week during legal seasons with some exceptions.

Complete regulations for these wildlife areas and federal refuges are available online at www.dfg.ca.gov and at DFG offices statewide. Look for the publication entitled California Regulations: Waterfowl Hunting, Upland Game Hunting, Hunting and other Public Uses on State and Federal Areas.

GAME BIRD HERITAGE

Special Hunts Program

2009 SPRING TURKEY HUNTS—

APPLY BY MAIL USING THE APPLICATION, OR ONLINE AT
WWW.DFG.CA.GOV/WILDLIFE/HUNTING/UPLANDGAME/GAMEBIRD/

Please note when applying:

- Only drawn hunters may hunt*;
- All apprentice junior hunt applicants must possess a junior hunting license;
- All hunters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult;
- You may apply for up to three (3) selections;
- You must be prepared to attend any of the hunts for which you applied.

Cañada de los Osos Apprentice Junior Hunt, Santa Clara Co. — Two, two-day hunts are scheduled for the weekends of Apr. 4-5 and Apr. 25-26, 2009. Each hunt can accommodate five (5) licensed junior hunters. For more information call (831) 649-2934.

Cosumnes River Preserve, Sacramento Co. — Five (5) Women/Junior/Mobility Impaired hunts are scheduled for Sat., Mar. 28; Sun., Mar. 29; Wed., Apr. 1; Sat., Apr. 4; and Sun., Apr. 5, 2009. Four (4) hunters will be drawn for each hunt date. Each hunter may take one (1) hunting guest, either a licensed apprentice junior or adult hunter. Two apprentice junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. For more information call (916) 358-2839.

Lake Mendocino, Mendocino Co. — The DFG, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is sponsoring hunts for wild turkeys at Lake Mendocino. Two general hunts will take place Sat., Apr. 4; and Sat., Apr. 11, 2009. Two apprentice junior hunts will take place Sat. through Sun., Mar. 28-29; and Sat. through Sun., Apr. 18-19, 2009. Only five (5) hunters are drawn per hunt date. Shotguns or air rifles firing pellets powered by compressed air (0.02 caliber minimum) may be used to take turkeys. Boat-in and walk-in access is permitted; no vehicle or horse-in hunting is allowed. For more information, contact the USACE Park Office at (707) 462-7581 or at: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/mendocino/hunting.htm>.

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area, Fresno Co. — This archery-only hunt is not recommended for the novice or inexperienced hunter. Hunting wild turkeys with archery equipment is considered extremely difficult, even by experienced archery turkey hunters. There are seven archery only hunts, 2 hunters per hunt. Each hunt is one week long (seven days), except the last hunt (May 9-17, 2009) which is nine days long, and are scheduled for Mar. 28-Apr. 3, 2009; Apr. 4-10, 2009; Apr. 11-17, 2009; Apr. 18-24, 2009; Apr. 25-May 1, 2009; May 2-8, 2009; and May 9-17, 2009. All hunters selected for this hunt will be required to attend a mandatory safety and orientation meeting on Saturday, Mar. 21, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the Millerton Lake District Office. A limit of one bearded turkey

per hunter will be in effect during this special hunt. The hunting area has both walk-in and boat-in access. Hunters will be required to pay a \$7 State Parks and Recreation Area entrance fee per day (waived in lieu of a \$125 annual State Parks pass). For more information call (559) 243-4005 ext 133.

Oroville Wildlife Area, Butte Co. (11,871 acres) — This is a type C wildlife area West of Oroville CA. Three two-day hunts are scheduled for Sat.-Sun., Mar. 28-29; Apr. 4-5; and Apr. 25-26, 2009. Seven (7) hunters will be drawn for each hunt date. Each hunter may take one (1) hunting guest, either a licensed junior or adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. For more information call (530) 538-2236.

Spenceville Wildlife Area, Nevada/Yuba Co. (11,213 acres) — This is a type C wildlife area 20 miles east of Marysville. Five (5) General hunts are scheduled for Sat., Mar. 28; Sun. 29; Wed., Apr. 1; Sat., Apr. 4; and Sun., Apr. 5, 2009. Twenty (20) hunters will be drawn for each hunt date. Each hunter may take one (1) hunting guest, either a licensed apprentice junior or adult hunter. Two apprentice junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. For more information call (530) 538-2236.

Tejon Ranch Apprentice Hunt For Juniors, Kern Co. — Tejon Ranch is located South of Bakersfield in the Tehachapi Mountains. The DFG, in cooperation with Tejon Ranch, released the Merriam's subspecies of wild turkey on the Tejon Ranch in 1989. They have adapted well to the habitat, and large flocks now populate the ranch. These once in a lifetime hunts are scheduled for April 6-7, 2009 and April 13-14, 2009. Because of the extremely limited space please do not apply for this hunt if you have been drawn for it previously. Each hunt can accommodate five (5) apprentice junior hunters. For more information call (559) 243-4005 ext 133.

*Each successfully drawn hunter for Cosumnes River Preserve, Oroville Wildlife Area and Spenceville Wildlife Area hunts may take one (1) hunting guest, either a licensed junior or adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.



California Department of Fish and Game
Game Bird Heritage Special Hunts
Spring 2009 Wild Turkey Hunt Application

Please print clearly and complete each section. **Incomplete applications will be rejected.** Applicants must have a valid 2008-2009 California hunting license number on the application to be accepted, junior hunt applicants must have a valid **junior** hunting license. Hunters may only apply **once**—any duplicate applications will result in disqualification. To allow a maximum number of hunters to participate, applicants may submit only one application per game species for all special hunts during the 2008-2009 season. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on the date of the hunt deadline. All random drawings will take place immediately following the deadline. All successful applicants will be notified by mail approximately two weeks after the drawing.

New this year, apply online at: <http://dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird/>

Hunter Information

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Hunting License #	First	Last
Address		
City	State	Zip
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Area Code	Phone	E-mail Address

Hunt Selection

To make your hunt selections please check the boxes for which you would like to apply. You may **choose up to three (3) selections** but will only be drawn for one hunt. **Be prepared to attend any of the hunts for which you are applying.**

Junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years or older.

Deadline: Friday, February 27 Cosumnes River Preserve* <input type="checkbox"/> March 28 <input type="checkbox"/> March 29 Spenceville Wildlife Area* <input type="checkbox"/> March 28 <input type="checkbox"/> March 29 Oroville Wildlife Area* <input type="checkbox"/> March 28 and 29 Lake Mendocino JRS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> March 28 and 29 Millerton Lake State Rec. Area <input type="checkbox"/> March 28-April 3 All Millerton Lake hunts <input type="checkbox"/> April 4-10 are ARCHERY ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> April 11-17 <input type="checkbox"/> April 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> April 25- May 1 <input type="checkbox"/> May 2-8 <input type="checkbox"/> May 9-17	Deadline: Friday, March 6 (Continued) Spenceville Wildlife Area* <input type="checkbox"/> April 1 <input type="checkbox"/> April 4 <input type="checkbox"/> April 5 Lake Mendocino <input type="checkbox"/> April 4 Cañada de los Osos JRS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> April 4 and 5 Tejon Ranch JRS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> April 6 and 7
Deadline: Friday, March 6 Cosumnes River Preserve* <input type="checkbox"/> April 1 <input type="checkbox"/> April 4 <input type="checkbox"/> April 5	Deadline: Friday, March 13 Lake Mendocino <input type="checkbox"/> April 11 Oroville Wildlife Area* <input type="checkbox"/> April 11 and 12 Tejon Ranch JRS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> April 13 and 14
	Deadline: Friday, March 20 Lake Mendocino JRS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> April 18 and 19 Oroville Wildlife Area* <input type="checkbox"/> April 25 and 26 Cañada de los Osos JRS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> April 25 and 26

*Each successfully drawn hunter for Cosumnes River Preserve, Oroville Wildlife Area and Spenceville Wildlife Area hunts may take one (1) hunting guest. Junior hunters must possess a junior hunting license, and may take either another licensed junior hunter or a licensed adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.

Mail to: Department of Fish and Game
GBH Special Hunts
1812 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Or Fax to: (916) 445-4058

For Questions regarding the application process call: (916) 445-3418

KEEP THE LEAD OUT OF CONDOR RANGE

The Fish and Game Commission adopted regulations prohibiting the use of projectiles containing lead from a firearm for hunting deer, bear, wild pig, elk, and pronghorn antelope in areas designated as California condor range. Lead projectiles are also banned in the same areas when hunting coyote, ground squirrels, and other nongame wildlife. The ban encompasses the historic range of the condor covering approximately 20 percent of the state.

A projectile is defined as any bullet, ball, sabot, slug, buckshot or other device which is expelled from a firearm through a barrel by force.

It is illegal to use any projectile that contains more than one percent lead for hunting big game or nongame within the condor area. This includes all projectiles from any legal firearm, including centerfire rifles, shotguns, pistols and revolvers, as well as muzzleloading rifles and rimfire firearms. A list of non-lead legal ammunition for hunting in the condor

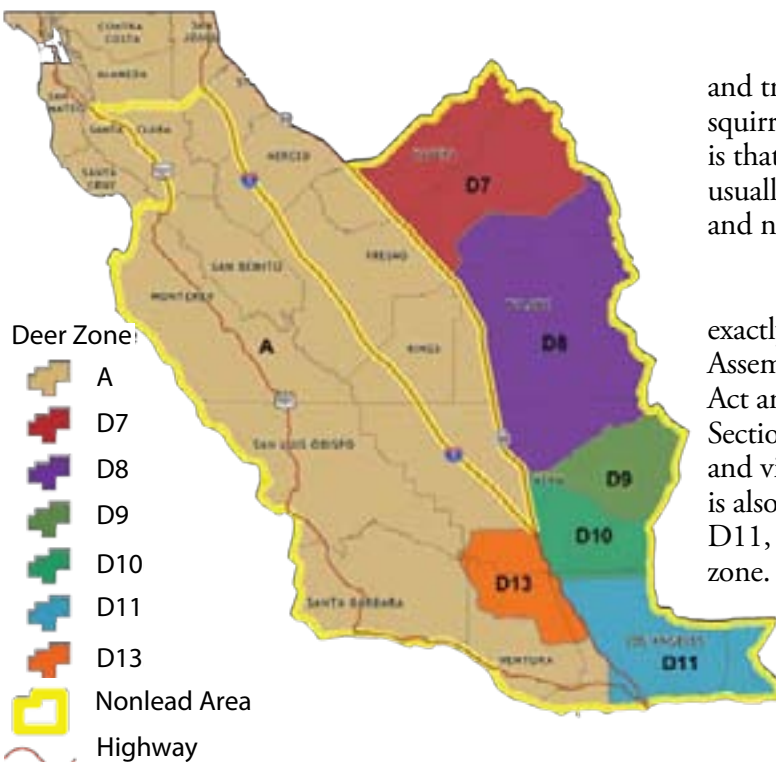
range can be found on the DFG Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/condor/.

The Commission prohibited the possession of lead projectiles, and a firearm capable of firing such projectiles, while big game or nongame hunting within the specified range. Otherwise, lead projectiles may be possessed.

Lead bullets for .22 rimfire or smaller firearms are legal when sport hunting for small game mammals but prohibited for nongame animals in condor range under the current adopted regulations.

Hunters can legally hunt jackrabbit, cottontail, and tree squirrel using lead projectiles, but not ground squirrels in the same area. Part of the reasoning for this is that, unlike nongame animals that are hunted and usually left in the field, game species must be retrieved and not wasted.

The geographic area where lead is prohibited is exactly the same area described in the recently enacted Assembly Bill 821- Ridley-Tree Condor Preservation Act and entered into the Fish and Game Code as Section 3004.5. To assist hunters in understanding and visualizing affected areas, the lead prohibition area is also known as deer hunt zones D7, D8, D9, D10, D11, D13, and most (but not all) of the South A zone.



HUNTING

CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC LANDS

At nearly 164,000 square miles, California is the third-largest state in the U.S. About half the state is publicly owned. With a little bit of research, that can translate into plenty of good hunting opportunities.

On the next 17 pages is a list of most* of the public lands in California where hunting is allowed, along with a contact phone number and a list of potential game species that can be found.

Please note that appropriate hunting tags, stamps and licenses must be in possession, and all hunting laws and regulations must be followed, when hunting anywhere in California. Hunting tags for elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep and some deer zones can only be obtained through the DFG's big game drawing—see page 38 for details.

Many lands have area-specific restrictions, so be sure to review the regulations for each area you plan to hunt.

FEDERAL LANDS

U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands make up a major component of the public land available for hunting in California. While the national forests generally have fairly well defined boundaries, land grant programs in the 1800s and early 1900s created a checkerboard pattern of public and private land ownership that still exists in some of the national forests today. BLM lands consist of very large management units and many small scattered areas. Areas that are surrounded by private property and do not have public access are not listed in this guide. The DFG is currently engaged in multiple projects to gain public access for hunting on all suitable public lands.

United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Federal Office Building
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 978-4400
www.blm.gov

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)
Federal Office Building
Division of Resources Management
Land Resources Branch (MP-450)
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 978-5266
www.usbr.gov

USBR lands are jointly administered with other agencies so they do not have a separate color code on the maps.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Region 1 Office
911 NE 11th Ave., Eastside Federal Building
Portland, OR 97232-4181
(503) 231-6118
www.fws.gov

National Park Service (NPS)

Pacific West Region
One Jackson Center
1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700
Oakland, CA 94607
(510) 817-1300
www.nps.gov

U.S. Forest Service (USFS)

1323 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592
(707) 562-8737
www.fs.fed.us

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

South Pacific Division
1455 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94103-1398
(415) 503-6514
www.recreation.gov

California Army National Guard HQ Camp Roberts

ATTN: Hunting and Fishing Program
Camp Roberts, CA 93451-5000
Recorded Information (805) 238-8167
<http://www.calguard.ca.gov/CpRbts/Pages/default.aspx>

Fort Hunter Liggett, U.S. Army

Environmental Division
(831) 386-3310 - Recorded update
(831) 386-2677 - Weekend staff or voice mail
<http://www.liggett.army.mil/sites/fishhunt/>
email: HuntNFish@liggett-emh1.army.mil

STATE LANDS

Although most "huntable" state lands are administered by DFG, there are some hunting opportunities on lands managed by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

California Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

License and Revenue Branch
1740 N. Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834
(916) 928-5805
www.dfg.ca.gov/about/hunting

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

1416 Ninth Street
P. O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
(916) 653-5123
www.fire.ca.gov

California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

1416 Ninth Street
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 653-6995
www.parks.ca.gov

*Areas that are landlocked by private land, have no wildlife value, or are managed for sensitive species have not been included.

1 NORTHERN REGION



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41	Madeline Planning Unit (BLM)	(530) 257-0456																							
42	Paynes Creek Recreation Area (BLM)	(530) 224-2100																							
43	Red Mountain Management/Recreation Area (BLM)	(707) 825-2300																							
44	Sacramento River Management Area (BLM)	(530) 224-2100																							
45	Shasta Management Area (BLM)	(530) 224-2100																							
46	Surprise Valley (BLM, USFS)	(530) 279-6101																							
47	Trinity Management Area - Tunnel Ridge and North of Trinity River (BLM)	(530) 224-2100																							
48	Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(530) 667-2231																							
49	Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(530) 667-2231																							
50	Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(530) 667-2231																							
51	Modoc National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(530) 233-3572																							
52	Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(530) 667-2231																							
53	Whiskeytown National Recreation Area (NPS)	(530) 246-1225																							
54	Klamath National Forest (USFS)	(530) 842-6131																							
55	Lassen National Forest (USFS)	(530) 257-2151																							
56	Modoc National Forest (USFS)	(530) 233-5811																							
57	Shasta - Trinity National Forest (USFS)	(530)226-2500																							
58	Six Rivers National Forest (USFS)	(707) 442-1721																							
59	Lake Mendocino Recreation Area (USACE)	(707) 467- 4200																							

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While five of the tags have already been sold, auction dates for the remaining tags are listed below. For more information, call the DFG at (916) 445-3406.

ORGANIZATION & CONTACT INFORMATION	TAGS AVAILABLE	EVENT DATE & LOCATION
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation South Central Coast Chapter Michael Friedenber: mfriedenberg@rmef.org	Open Zone deer	February 28, 2009 Santa Maria Elks Lodge 1309 North Bradley Road, Santa Maria, CA
Safari Club International San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Dwight Ortmann: Dwight@bealsmartin.com	Golden Opportunity deer	March 7, 2009 Crowne Plaza Hotel 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA
California Deer Association Gridley Chapter Mark Dalrymple: mdalrymple@sunsweet.com	Open Zone deer	March 7, 2009 Butte County Fairgrounds 199 East Hazel Street, Gridley, CA
Safari Club International Orange County Chapter John Whipple: jwhipple04@aol.com	Bighorn Sheep	March 21, 2009 Holiday Inn 25205 La Paz Road, Laguna Hills, CA
California Deer Association Chico Chapter Margo Wood: mwoodchico@aol.com	Golden Opportunity deer	March 21, 2009 Manzanita Hall (Elks Lodge) 705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Northern California Chapter Kevin Butler: kevin@KRBEngineering.com	Golden Opportunity deer	March 21, 2009 City of Redding Convention Center 777 Auditorium Drive, Redding, CA
Safari Club International Granite Bay Chapter Calvin Ryan: ryan_group@sbcglobal.net	Open Zone deer	March 21, 2009 The Radisson Hotel 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, CA
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Fresno Chapter Michael Friedenber: mfriedenberg@rmef.org	Owens Valley elk	March 28, 2009 Fresno Convention Center 700 M Street, Fresno, CA
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Yolo-Solano Chapter DJ Sambucetti: djbackhoe@netzero.net	Pronghorn Antelope	March 28, 2009 Yolo County Fairgrounds - Waite Hall 1125 East Street, Woodland, CA
California Deer Association Salinas Valley Chapter Alfred Lundquist: alund@aol.com	Golden Opportunity deer	April 25, 2009 Salinas Elks Lodge 614 Airport Boulevard, Salinas, CA
Black Brant Group Fred Harpster: llrockwell@hotmail.com	Open Zone deer	April 25, 2009 Morro Bay Community Center 1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay, CA
Foundation for North American Wild Sheep California Chapter Jim Fitzgerald: ramhunter3@wildblue.net	Bighorn sheep	May 2, 2009 Holiday Inn 5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento, CA

*An Open Zone deer tag is valid for all zones as well as additional deer hunts and area-specific archery hunts within specified season dates and methods of take.

**A Golden Opportunity deer tag is valid statewide from mid-July, 2009 through January of 2010 (specific dates depend on passage of the 2009/2010 mammal hunting regulations).

2 NORTH CENTRAL REGION



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1	Antelope Valley Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
2	Cache Creek Wildlife Area & Recreation Area (DFG & BLM)	(916) 358-2900																									
3	Clear Lake Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
4	Collins Eddy Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
5	Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
6	Coon Hollow Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
7	Crocker Meadow Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
8	Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
9	Fay Canyon Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
10	Feather River Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
11	Fremont Weir Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
12	Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (DFG)	(530) 846-7500																									
13	Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
14	Heenan Lake Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
15	Hope Valley Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
16	Indian Valley Wildlife Area (DFG) / Recreation Area (BLM)	(707) 944-5500																									
17	North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
18	Oroville Wildlife Area (DFG)	(530) 538-2236																									
19	Red Lake Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
20	Sacramento River Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
21	Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
22	Spenceville Wildlife Area (DFG)	(530) 538-2236																									
23	Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
24	Truckee River Wildlife Area (DFG) (ARCHERY/SHOTGUN ONLY)	(916) 358-2900																									
25	Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (DFG)	(530) 982-2169																									
26	Warner Valley Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																									
27	Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest (CAL FIRE)	(707) 928-4378																									
28	Auburn State Recreation Area (DPR)	(530) 885-4527																									
29	Lake Oroville State Recreation Area (DPR)	(530) 538-2200																									
30	Cow Mountain Recreation Area (BLM)	(707) 468-4000																									
31	Colusa National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(530) 934-2801																									
32	Delevan National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(530) 934-2801																									
33	Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(530) 934-2801																									
34	Sutter National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(530) 934-2801																									
35	Eldorado National Forest (USFS)	(530) 622-5061																									
36	Jenkinson Lake (USFS)	(530) 644-2545																									
37	Mendocino National Forest (USFS)	(530) 934-3316																									
38	Plumas National Forest (USFS)	(530) 283-2050																									
39	Stanislaus National Forest (USFS)	(209) 532-3671																									
40	Tahoe National Forest (USFS)	(530) 265-4531																									
41	Toiyabe National Forest(USFS)	(775) 882-2766																									
42	Black Butte Lake (BLM)	(530) 865-4781																									
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3 BAY DELTA REGION



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1	Bair Island Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
2	Canada de los Osos Ecological Reserve (DFG) *	(707) 944-5500																							
3	Cedar Roughts Wildlife Area/Wilderness (DFG, BLM)	(707) 944-5500																							
4	Clifton Court Forebay (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
5	Decker Island Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																							
6	Eden Landing Ecological Reserve (DFG) **	(707) 944-5500																							
7	Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (DFG)	(707) 425-3828																							
8	Knoxville Wildlife Area (DFG) & Recreation Area (BLM)	(707) 944-5500																							
9	Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area (DFG, USACE)	(707) 944-5500																							
10	Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
11	Miner Slough Wildlife Area (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
12	Napa/Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
13	Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
14	Point Edith Wildlife Area (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
15	Putah Creek Wildlife Area (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
16	Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
17	Rhode Island Wildlife Area (DFG)	(916) 358-2900																							
18	San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
19	Tomales Bay Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
20	White Slough Wildlife Area (DFG)	(707) 944-5500																							
21	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (DFG)	(530) 757-2461																							
22	Frank's Tract State Recreation Area (DPR)	(916) 777-6671																							
23	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(510) 792-0222																							
24	San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(510) 792-0222																							

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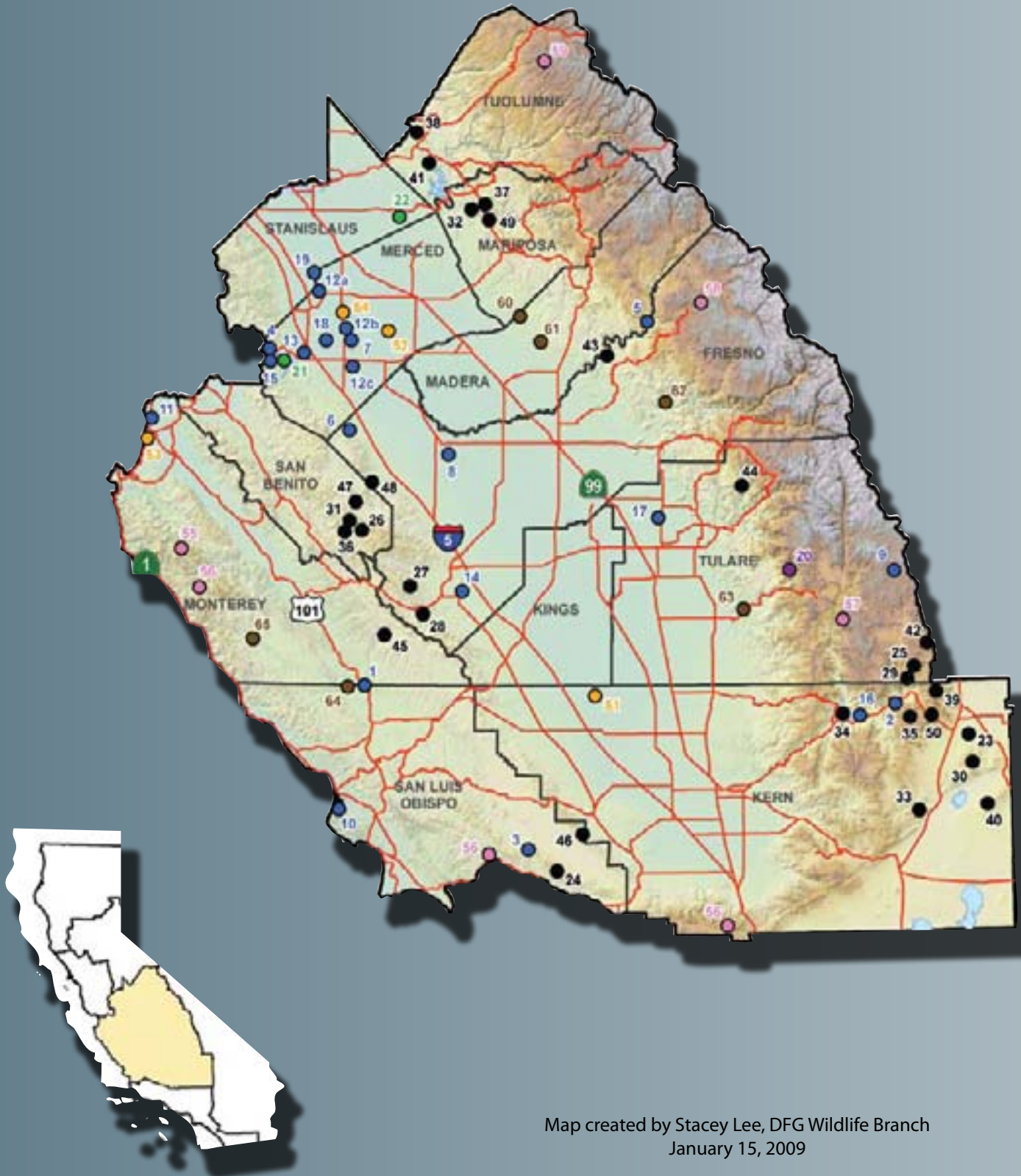
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35	Kiavah Wilderness (BLM)																								
36	Laguna Mountain/Sweetwater Area (BLM)	(831) 630-5000																							
37	Merced River Recreation Area (BLM)	(916) 985-4474																							
38	New Melones Lake RA/Peoria Ridge WA (BLM & USBR)	(209) 536-9094																							
39	Owens Peak Wilderness (BLM)	(760) 384-5400																							
40	Rand Mountains Area - shotguns only (BLM)	(760) 384-5400																							
41	Red Hills Recreation Area (BLM)	(916) 985-4474																							
42	Sacatar Trail Wilderness (BLM)																								
43	San Joaquin River Gorge Management Area (BLM)	(559) 855-3492																							
44	Sheep Ridge (BLM)	(661) 391-6000																							
45	Stockdale Mountain (BLM)	(831) 630-5000																							
46	Temblor Mountain Range Management Area (BLM)	(661) 391-6000																							
47	Tumey Hill and Griswold Hills Area (BLM)	(831) 630-5000																							
48	Tumey Hills - Panoche Hills Management Area (BLM)	(831) 630-5000																							
49	Tuolumne and Mariposa Planning Unit (BLM)	(916) 985-4474																							
50	Walker Pass (BLM)	(760) 384-5400																							
51	Kern National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)	(661) 725-2767																							
52	Merced National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)	(209) 826-3508																							
53	Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)	(510) 792-0222																							
54	San Luis National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)	(209) 826-3508																							
55	Chew's Ridge & Piney Creek - Los Padres Nat'l Forest (USFS)	(805) 968-6640																							
56	Los Padres National Forest (USFS)	(805) 968-6640																							
57	Sequoia National Forest (USFS)	(559) 784-1500																							
58	Sierra National Forest (USFS)	(559) 297-0706																							
59	Stanislaus National Forest (USFS)	(209) 532-3671																							
60	Eastman Lake (USACE)	(559) 689-3255																							
61	Hensley Lake (USACE)	(559) 673-5151																							
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1	Boden Canyon Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(858) 467-4201																							
2	Coal Canyon Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(858) 467-4201																							
3	Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area / Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve (DFG) *	(858) 467-4201																							
4	Otay Mountain Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(858) 467-4201																							
5	San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area (DFG)	(858) 467-4201																							
6	Walker Canyon Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(858) 467-4201																							
7	Hauser Mountain/McAlmond Canyon & San Ysidro Mountains Area (BLM, USFS)	(619) 445-6235																							
8	McCain Valley/Jacumba National Cooperative Land and Wildlife Management Area (BLM)	(760) 337-4400																							
9	Otay Mountain Wilderness (BLM)	(760) 251-4800																							
10	Angeles National Forest (USFS)	(626) 574-5200																							
11	Cleveland National Forest (USFS)	(858) 673-6180																							
12	Los Padres National Forest (USFS)	(805) 968-6640																							
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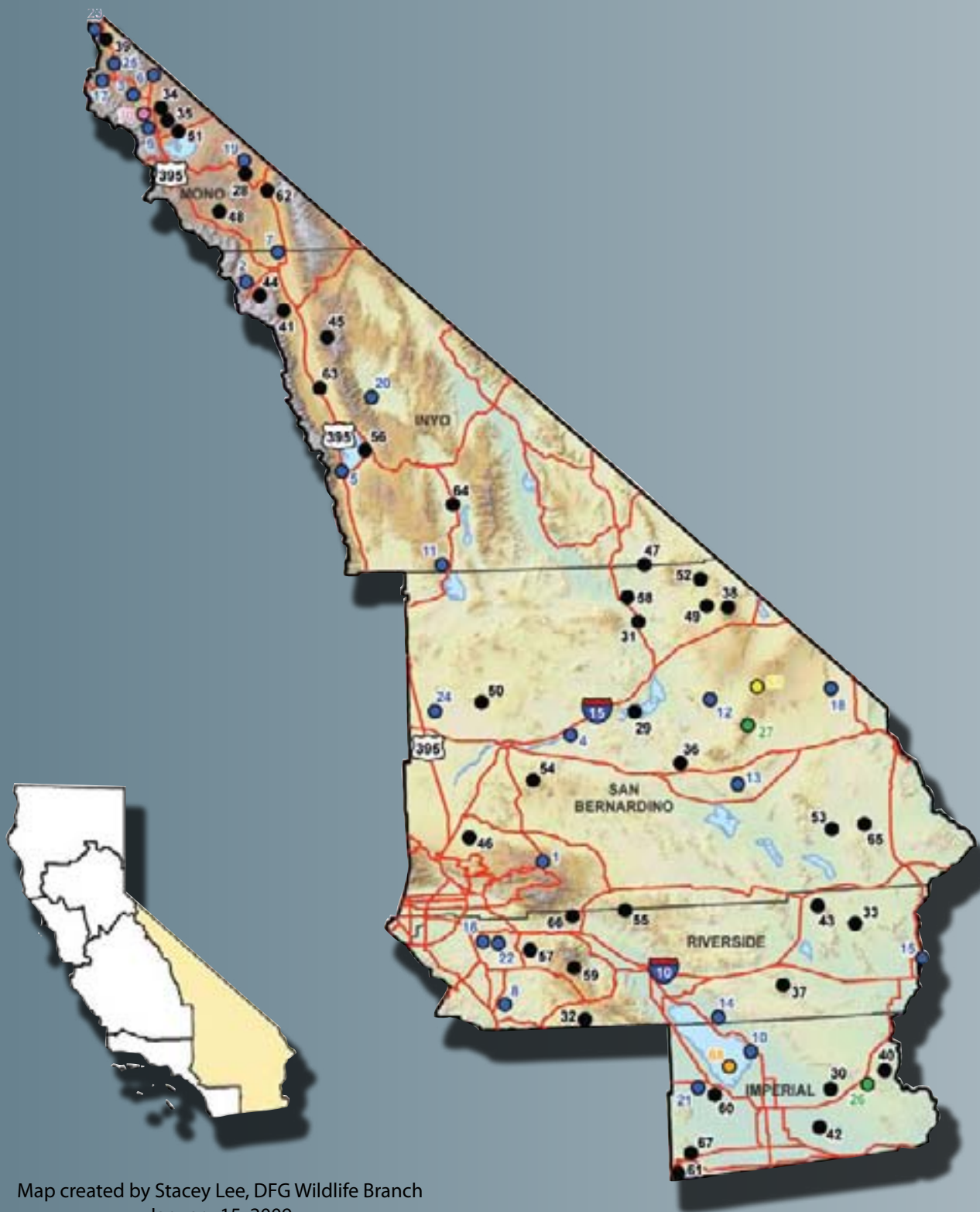
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1	Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(909) 484-0167																							
2	Buttermilk Country Wildlife Area (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
3	By Day Creek Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
4	Camp Cady Wildlife Area (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
5	Cartago Wildlife Area (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
6	East Walker River Wildlife Area (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
7	Fish Slough Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
8	French Valley Wildlife Area (DFG) (SHOTGUN ONLY)	(760) 200-9174																							
9	Green Creek Wildlife Area (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
10	Imperial Wildlife Area (DFG)	(760) 359-0577																							
11	Indian Joe Springs Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
12	Kelso Peak & Old Dad Mtns. Wildlife Area (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
13	Marble Mountains Wildlife Area (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
14	Oasis Spring Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(909) 484-0167																							
15	Palo Verde Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(760) 922-1738																							
16	Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area (DPR)	(951) 950-5600																							
17	Pickel Meadow Wildlife Area (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
18	Piute Creek Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
19	River Springs Lakes Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
20	Saline Valley Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
21	San Felipe Creek Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(909) 484-0167																							
22	San Jacinto Wildlife Area (DFG)	(951) 928-0580																							
23	Slinkard-Little Antelope Wildlife Area (DFG) & West Slinkard Valley Management Area (BLM)	(760) 872-1171																							
24	West Mojave Desert Ecological Reserve (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
25	West Walker River Wildlife Area (DFG)	(760) 872-1171																							
26	Picacho State Recreation Area, Picacho Peak Area, SE Chocolate Mtns., Lower Colorado River Area, Palo Verde Mtns. (including Milpitas Wash Area), Chuck walla Mtns., Little Chuckwalla Mtns., Mule Mtns., Orocopia Mtns. (BLM, CDPR)	(760) 251-4800																							
27	Providence Mountains State Recreation Area (DPR)	(760) 928-2586																							
28	Adobe Valley Area (BLM)	(760) 872-5000																							
29	Afton Canyon Management Area (BLM)	(760) 252-6000																							
30	Algodones Dunes Area (BLM)	(760) 337-4400																							
31	Amargosa Canyon Management Area (BLM)	(760) 252-6000																							
32	Beauty Mountains (BLM)	(909) 697-5200																							
33	Big Maria, Coxcomb, Eagle, Granite, Little Maria, McCoy, Palen, and Riverside Mountains (BLM)	(760) 251-4800																							
34	Bodie Hills Management Area (BLM)	(760) 872-5000																							
35	Bridgeport Management Area (BLM)	(760) 872-5000																							
36	Bristol Mountains Wilderness (BLM)	(760) 326-7000																							

Map Number	HUNT AREA		Deer	Pronghorn Antelope	Elk	Bighorn Sheep	Bear	Wild Pig	Rabbit	Tree Squirrel	Duck	Goose	Snipe	Wild Turkey	Pheasant	Calif. Quail	Mtn. Quail	Gambel's Quail	Chukar	Blue Grouse	Ruffed Grouse	Sage Grouse	White-tailed Ptarmigan	Band-tailed Pigeon	Dove
37	Chuckwalla Mountains Area (BLM)	(760) 251-4800																							
38	Clark Range Area (BLM)	(760) 252-6000																							
39	Coleville Management Area (BLM)	(760) 872-5000																							
40	Colorado River. Includes Cibola and Imperial National WRs. (BLM and USFWS)	(760) 251-4800																							
41	Crater Mountain Area (BLM)	(760) 872-5000																							
42	East Mesa Area (BLM)	(760) 337-4400																							
43	Granite Mountain Management Area (BLM)	(760) 872-5000																							
44	Inyo National Forest and BLM Bishop Field Office	(760) 873-2400																							
45	Inyo Mountains, Nelson Range, Panamint Range, Sierra Nevada Mountains, Argus Range, Coso Range, Lower Centennial Flat (BLM)	(760) 872-5000																							
46	Juniper Flats Management Area (BLM)	(760) 252-6000																							
47	Kingston Range Wilderness Area	(760) 326-7000																							
48	Long Valley Management Area (BLM)	(760) 872-5000																							
49	Mesquite Wilderness Area (BLM)	(760) 326-7000																							
50	Mojave Desert (BLM)	(760) 255-8800																							
51	Mono Lake Basin Area (BLM)	(760) 872-5000																							
52	North Mesquite Wilderness Area (BLM)	(760) 326-7000																							
53	Old Woman Mountains Wilderness Area (BLM)	(760) 326-7000																							
54	Ord Mountains Management Area (BLM)	(760) 252-6000																							
55	Orocopia Mountains Area (BLM)	(760) 251-4800																							
56	Owens Lake Management Area (BLM)	(760) 872-5000																							
57	Poppett Flat Area (BLM)	(760) 251-4800																							
58	Salt Creek Hills Management Area (BLM)	(760) 252-6000																							
59	San Bernardino National Forest and San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains (BLM, USFS)	(909) 884-6634																							
60	San Sebastian Marsh Area (BLM)	(760) 337-4400																							
61	Smuggler's Cave Area (BLM)	(760) 337-4400																							
62	South Benton Area (BLM)	(760) 872-4881																							
63	West Owens Valley Area (BLM)	(760) 872-4881																							
64	West Panamint Mountains Management Area (BLM)	(760) 384-5400																							
65	Whipple, Chemehuevi, Piute, Old Woman, Turtle, and Sacramento Mountains (BLM)	(760) 326-7000																							
66	Whitewater Canyon Area (BLM)	(760) 251-4800																							
67	Yuha Desert Recreation Area (BLM)	(760) 337-4400																							
68	Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge (USFWS)	(760) 348-5278																							
69	Mojave National Preserve (NPS)	(760) 733-4456																							
70	Humboldt - Toiyabe National Forest, Bridgeport Ranger District (USFS)	(760) 932-7070																							

OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES



BEAR HUNTING CLINIC: MARCH 28, 2009

Location: Diamond Springs Memorial Hall, El Dorado County.

In partnership with the Pacific Coast Hunter Education Instructor Association, DFG is offering a bear hunting clinic. Topics will include: bear biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, locating bears, hunting techniques, using dogs and care of game. There will be dog demonstrations.

Space is limited. Cost: \$40 for the class. BBQ lunch available for \$10 at the clinic. Sixteen years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There are two ways to register:

Visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/docs/regform.pdf>, or contact: DFG Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916-358-4356.

BIG GAME HUNTING CLINIC: MAY 16-17, 2009

Are you new to big game hunting? Or, are you not as successful as you'd like to be? Here's the class for you. In partnership with Wilderness Unlimited and the California Hunter Education Instructors Association we are offering this two-day clinic which will give you the hands-on information you need to be successful.

The format will include four sessions; two on Saturday and two on Sunday covering: (1) deer of California, areas to hunt, zones, etc.; (2) hunting strategies, scouting, tracking, and recognizing signs; (3) equipment, shot placement, shoot-don't shoot scenarios; and (4) field dressing, butchering, and transporting. You will have the opportunity to attend all sessions. We will be camping on the property. Bring your own food and tent or RV.

Space is limited. Cost is \$60. Sixteen years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There are two ways to register:

Visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/docs/regform.pdf> or contact: DFG Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916-358-4356.

LAND NAVIGATION AND WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CLINIC: JUNE 20-21, 2009

Northern CA, location TBA

Monte and Julie Hendricks, with the El Dorado County Search and Rescue, will cover the fundamentals of navigation, compasses, map types, GPS units and wilderness survival skills with real life situations. This course is a "must" for successful and safe hunting. A weekend of hands-on experiences.

Space is limited. Accommodations are camping. Cost: \$60. Sixteen years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There are two ways to register:

Visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/docs/regform.pdf>
Contact: DFG Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916-358-4356.

WATERFOWL HUNTING CLINIC: AUG. 15, 2009 WILDERNESS UNLIMITED PROPERTY, WILLIAMS, CA

Learn waterfowling from the best at this comprehensive waterfowl clinic. Mike Carion, Assistant Chief of the DFG, and Warden Aaron Freitas will give you all of the tools and tips to be a successful waterfowler. Mike's expertise in waterfowl hunting and identification is renowned.

Topics to be covered include: concepts of decoy placement, blind design, ballistics, calling, duck identification, and safety.

Space is limited. Cost is \$40. Sixteen years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There are two ways to register:

Visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/docs/regform.pdf> or contact: DFG Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916-358-4356.

UPLAND GAME HUNTING CLINIC: SEPT. 26, 2009

Wilderness Unlimited Property, Williams, CA.

In partnership with Wilderness Unlimited, DFG is offering a clinic on hunting pheasant, quail, and chukar. Topics will

include history, habitat, food, range maps, equipment, and hunting with or without a dog. There will be dog demonstrations.

Space is limited. Cost \$40. Sixteen years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There are two ways to register:

Visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/docs/regform.pdf> or contact: DFG Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916-358-4356.

EAST PARK RESERVOIR WILD PIG HUNT, 2009

The DFG is permitted by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to conduct a limited public entry, permit-only pig hunt to control a small population of wild pigs on a portion of East Park Reservoir in western Colusa County. The area consists of grassland, oak woodland, brush and some wetland areas. Individual hunters may be accompanied by not more than one non-hunter. No more than three hunters will be allowed to hunt at any given time. Only muzzleloading rifles as described in Section 353, Title 14 (CCR) may be used. No dogs may be used. A pre-hunt orientation is required, and all hunters are required to check in and check out of the hunt area. DFG personnel will be onsite during the hunts. Two-day pig hunt permits will be issued to hunters by drawing only for all pig hunt periods. Each hunter may apply only one time and for only one hunt period. No party applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications (cards) and multiple entries will not be accepted. There is no fee to apply.

How to Apply For a Permit:

Send a standard U.S. Postal Service postcard (available at local post offices), with the following information:
Hunter Name (Junior hunters must also provide name of adult chaperone)

- Valid Hunting License Number
- Address
- City, State, Zip
- Telephone Number
- Hunt Period and Date desired

Mail Application Card to:

East Park Reservoir Pig Hunt
Department of Fish and Game

1812 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Spring 2009 Hunts:

Period 1 – April 15 & 16
Period 2 – April 20 & 21
Period 3 – April 22 & 23
Period 4 – April 27 & 28
Period 5 – April 29 & 30

Spring Application Deadline:

Application cards must be received by close of business, **Wednesday, March 11, 2009**. Permits with maps and additional information will be mailed to successful applicants on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

Fall 2009 Hunts:

Period 6 – October 5 & 6
Period 7 – October 7 & 8
Period 8 – October 12 & 13
Period 9 – October 14 & 15
Period 10 – October 19 & 20
Period 11 – October 21 & 22
Period 12 – October 26 & 27
Period 13 – October 28 & 29

Fall Application Deadline: Application cards must be received by close of business, Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009. Permits with maps and additional information will be mailed to successful applicants on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009.

DFG or USBR reserve the right to cancel this hunt and close the area to all public users without prior notification due to unforeseen circumstances or emergency situations.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER... GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA WOOD DUCK NEST BOX PROGRAM

Here's your chance to contribute to wildlife at the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, located about 15 miles north of Yuba City. Working closely with a section leader, you will experience wildlife up close. Don't miss this unique opportunity. Crews of two to three collect detailed data taken to understand and enhance the local wood duck population and other wildlife, including wrens, kestrels and owls. Although the work can be challenging at times, it is also a great deal of fun. Don't let these photographic moments pass you by. Maintenance checks are conducted every other week from March to July.

Most section checks take three to four hours.

There is an orientation meeting in March or April, 2009—specific date to be announced shortly. Email ldieter@dfg.ca.gov or call (530) 846-7500, regarding the Wood Duck Program. Please leave your name and phone number or email address. You will be contacted when a date is set.

REMOTE YUBA RIVER FISHING ACCESS—2009

The Yuba County Fish and Game Commission and the University of California Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center (UC SFREC) are pleased to provide anglers with fishing access on the lower Yuba River about 20 miles east of Marysville. The cooperative effort will provide a maximum of twenty anglers per day access to a remote section of the lower Yuba River. The access site is located near Browns Valley, approximately 1½ miles upstream of the Hwy 20 bridge. Access allows anglers to fish both banks of the river, between the legal upstream and downstream UC SFREC property boundaries. In addition, anglers can launch car top boats, canoes, kayaks, rafts, and float tubes. Any floatation device used must be carried to the river, as boats requiring the use of a trailer are not allowed. Steelhead fishing in this section of the Yuba River is catch and release with barbless hooks.

Application: To enter the random drawing, send a standard post card with: your name, the name of one additional applicant (if you choose), the address and phone number of the primary applicant, and the date you wish to fish to: William Naylor, Attn: Lower Yuba River Fishing Program, 104 Cyrus Dam Road, Wheatland, CA 95692.

Fishing Dates: April 25, April 26, May 16 and May 17. Entry cards must be received 15 days before the day you wish to fish. Successful applicants will be notified at least seven days before the desired fishing date. One entry card per date per person is allowed. Applicants under the age of 16 are not required to possess a fishing license. Please indicate on the entry card if you have been, or plan to be, off of the North American

continent within 14 days prior to the date you wish to fish. For more info call (530) 633-9000.

BIG CHICO CREEK ECOLOGICAL RESERVE NEAR CHICO – SPRING TURKEY, DEER (G1 AND C4 TAG HOLDERS), QUAIL, AND FALL TURKEY

The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, located nine miles east of Chico, is private property owned by the CSU, Chico, Research Foundation with about 3,000 acres available for hunting. Hunting and fishing is allowed on the reserve by permit only. This program provides a unique opportunity to gain access to property that would otherwise be closed to the general public for hunting.

As of press time, hunt dates have not been set. The California Deer Association Web site will have information and applications at www.caldeer.org. The hunter information phone number is (530) 898-6977. The Research Foundation also has information at www.csuchico.edu/bccer/Public/Hunt/Hunt_Info.htm.

FREMONT WEIR WILDLIFE AREA EXPANDED

The Fremont Weir Wildlife Area has expanded in size, from 212 acres to its new size of about 1,500 acres—or 2 ½ square miles—this year.

Hunting is allowed daily from July 1 through Jan. 31, and during the spring turkey season, when only turkeys may be taken. The area is open for shotgun and archery hunting only. No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed.

Tall weedy vegetation, brush, valley oaks, willows and cottonwood trees are present on the area. There are also several ponds, sloughs and an old river oxbow on the property.

Pheasant hunting is good. For the past several years there has been a DFG sponsored Southeast Fremont Weir pheasant hunt by drawing on a portion of the wildlife area. That drawing hunt has now ended as the area is open on a daily basis.

Waterfowl hunting is best late in the season when there has been enough rain to fill the low areas. Mourning dove, cottontail, jackrabbits, quail, crow, wild turkeys and coyotes are also found on the property in moderate numbers. Black-tailed deer (Zone D4) are common.

The wildlife area is located within the Yolo Bypass floodway. When the water level in the Sacramento River reaches a high level, the water flows over the Fremont Weir into the wildlife area. Do not enter this area when the Sacramento River is rising or water is flowing across the fields.

The wildlife area is located about 30 miles southwest of Yuba City and 10 miles north of Woodland near Knights Landing. From Hwy 113 in Knights Landing, travel southeast on Roads 116 and 116B for 4.6 miles, and turn left on Road 116A for 0.6 miles to the parking lot. The junction of Hwy 113 and Road 116 is at the west end of the elementary school yard in Knights Landing.

From Woodland: Travel I5 south toward Sacramento 1-2 miles and turn north toward Knights Landing on Road 102 (or E8). Travel north from I5 for 5.0 miles on Road 102 and turn right (east) on Road 16 for 2.8 miles to Road 116B. Veer left on Road 116B for 0.9 miles and turn right on Road 116A for 0.6 miles to the parking lot.

A parking lot was created at the end of Yolo County Road 116A and adjacent to the Sacramento River. River fishing is a short walk from the parking lot.

For a map of the property contact Dale Whitmore at (530) 743-5068 or dwhitmore@dfg.ca.gov.

FREE WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEMINARS

Chico Sportsmen's Den, 465 East 20th Street, Chico. Seminar will be held in late February or early March. For more information, contact Dave or Pat at (530) 891-5238.

Bass Pro Shop, 1356 Bass Pro Drive, Manteca. Seminar will be held on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2009 from 11AM –

3PM. Speakers: Ryan Mathis, National Wild Turkey Federation wildlife biologist; Bruce Wurth, turkey call maker; and Tom Dockter, Foothill Bearded Flyers President. See www.basspro.com (Our Stores-Manteca Store) or call (209) 825-8400.

BIKES 'N BIRDS – GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA

The Gridley Lions Club announces the eighth annual "Bikes 'n Birds" Bicycle tour at the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (west of Gridley, northeast of Yuba City). When: Saturday April 4, 2009, start any time between 8:30 and 10:00 AM. Cost: \$15.00 per person, \$30.00 per family (t-shirts extra).

Previous participants were very enthusiastic about the unique combination of riding a bicycle through the gorgeous wildlife area and the rest stops at which Lions Club members provide nature interpretation.

Riders can choose from a short tour and a long tour. Both tours are mostly on paved or compacted dirt roads, which are not accessible to motor vehicles. The tours can be started at any time between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. and can be completed at your own pace. Water and emergency services are provided.

The tour starts at the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area entrance on Pennington Road. Go west on Sycamore Street from Hwy 99 in Gridley about six miles, and turn south (left) on Pennington Road for about three miles. Watch for the signs. Proceeds of the tour go to local and regional Gridley Lions Club projects such as youth vision improvement, other youth programs, and disaster relief. For more information call (530) 458-8135, (888) 857-2141 or visit: www.gridleylions.org.

MAY 9, 2009 – ANNUAL KIDS' FISHING DAY AT GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA

The Gridley Recreation/Community Services and many other area businesses and organizations are sponsoring a terrific free fishing event open to youth aged 15 and under at the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area on Saturday, May

9. A pond will be stocked with 600 pounds of catfish and bait and tackle will be available for those who need it. Each participant will receive a "Goody Bag" and raffle ticket to win great prizes donated by the Oroville WalMart Fishing Program and local businesses.

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and derby hours are from 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Last year's derby was a big success with lots of fish going home. Anyone, including those over 16 with a valid fishing license, may fish after 12:00 p.m. If you would like more information about this popular community event, please call the Gridley Recreation Department at (530) 846-3264 or visit www.gridleyrec.com. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area is located 15 miles northwest of Yuba City.

CALIFORNIA DUCK DAYS FESTIVAL – DAVIS, CALIFORNIA – FEB. 20 AND 21, 2009

Celebrate California Duck Days, a wetlands festival in the heart of the Pacific Flyway – Feb. 20 and 21. A gala reception for everyone interested in wetlands and wildlife will launch the festivities on Friday evening, Feb. 20 at the Davis Arts Center, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The Davis Arts Center is located at 1919 F Street.

On Saturday the festival will feature one full day of field trips and workshops at the Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters facility at 45211 County Road 32B (Chiles Road), in south Davis.

The cost for the California Duck Days is \$20 per person, and children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. All participants should pre-register due to limited space on field trips and workshops. Check the website yolobasin.org/events.cfm for further information and registration.

DAVE BERTI MEMORIAL TURKEY HUNT AT ENGLEBRIGHT LAKE FOR MOBILITY IMPAIRED HUNTERS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Englebright Lake (20 miles east of Marysville) and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) are offering

two special, two-day turkey hunts during the spring 2009 season for Mobility Impaired Hunters. The dates are April 4 & 5 and April 18 & 19. Four hunters will be drawn for each two-day hunt period and a total of eight hunters will be drawn for these hunts. The hunts will take place in four separate, man made blinds in closed zones on the property. Three of the hunters drawn may use a shotgun, bow or air rifle firing pellets powered by compressed air of gas (0.02 caliber minimum); and one of the hunters drawn may use a bow only.

Each hunter drawn may be accompanied by one guest and, if desired, may be accompanied by an NWTF volunteer guide who can assist the hunter in accessing the blind, turkey calling and retrieval. These hunt opportunities are made possible, in part, through the NWTF's Wheelin' Sportsmen program which seeks to provide people with disabilities the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities. Successful applicants are strongly encouraged, but not required, to become members of the NWTF and support this organization, particularly in its endeavors to promote the Wheelin' Sportsmen program.

A Mobility Impaired Hunter is defined as any person who has been issued a Department of Motor Vehicles Disabled Person or Disabled Veteran license plate, a Disabled Person Parking Placard, or a valid Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License (FG form 1460).

The blue plastic Disabled Person Parking Placard may not be substituted for the required identification card which bears the name of the mobility impaired person. Disabled hunters must provide the registration certificate for DMV-issued disabled license plates.

All successful applicants must check in at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Office, located at 12896 Englebright Dam Road, Smartville, California 95977, at 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the two-day hunt period for a safety orientation and to scout the blind locations if desired. Self-contained RV overnight camping is allowed in the

parking lot by special arrangement for successful applicants and one guest each of this hunt only.

How to Apply: Send a note with the hunter's name, address, phone/hunting license numbers and a copy of proof of "mobility impairment." List the following weekends in order of preference and availability: April 4-5; 18-19; and list either firearm or archery for your preferred method of take. Please indicate on your note whether an NWTF volunteer is desired; they will be available on each Saturday of the two-day hunt period. Send the letter to NWTF/USACE Englebright Lake MI Hunt, 1060 Golden Oak Court, Colfax, CA 95713-9558 by March 7, 2009. If you are late to apply or have further questions about the hunt, call (530) 346-2922.

GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA CLEAN UP AND FIELD DAY: MARCH 28, 2009

Each year over 100 hunters/family members show up for a light duty clean up and wood duck box inspection day at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. California Waterfowl is seeking volunteers for this morning/early afternoon cleanup. Activities will also be available to children of all ages. All family members are encouraged to participate as the day will be educational, entertaining, and most importantly, improve the quality of our wildlife area. Mike Womack, Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Manager, will update us on trends in wetland management.

Start time is 8:00 am. Coffee, juice and breakfast snacks will be provided prior to hitting the field, with an excellent barbecue lunch, raffle, and silent auction ending the day, around mid afternoon. A small fee per person and for kids 16 and under will be charged to those eating lunch to help offset food costs. For lunch costs, please contact California Waterfowl.

What you need to do:

1. RSVP to the address below (preferred), or sign up at the Gray Lodge check station and include a check for food if applicable.
2. Bring outdoor work clothes, boots, and chest waders if you have them.
3. Bring tools: gloves, hammer, pruning shears, rakes, shovels, etc.

For more info, please contact California Waterfowl at (916) 648-1406.

PORTOLA ROTARY CLUBS LAKE DAVIS FISHING DERBY - JUNE 20, 2009

Saturday, June 20, 2009 is the date for this popular annual event that offers guaranteed monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Also includes prizes from local merchants and others! Entry fee is \$25.00 per person or \$15 for young people 15 and under. All proceeds will be used to provide scholarships and fund local community needs. This terrific community event gives all of us a great excuse to spend the day outdoors! Pre-register by calling Portola City Hall at 530 832-4216,

Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Clean up and Field Day Registration Form

Please detach and mail to: California Waterfowl, ATTN: Gray Lodge Cleanup, 4630 Northgate Blvd, Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95834.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of attendees: _____ Attendees eating lunch: _____ \$ _____

Kids eating lunch: _____ \$ _____

Additional Contribution to help Cal Waterfowl: _____ \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Are you interested in becoming a Cal Waterfowl member? Yes No

or come by the Log Cabin Restaurant on Sierra Street in Portola after 5 PM on Friday, or you can sign up at the Lake on the day of the event. See you there.

APPRENTICE TURKEY HUNT - SPRING 2009

Dates: April 4th, 5th, 18th, 19th

Location: University of California
Sierra Foothill Research & Extension
Center
8279 Scott Forbes Road
Browns Valley, CA 95918-9636

This apprentice turkey hunt for juniors is sponsored by the Sierra Foothill Research & Extension Center. Hunters will be selected by lottery. The cost is \$20.00 per hunter (no cost until selected). A current junior hunting license will be required. Each junior hunter, or junior hunting party, must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.

A drawing will be held on March 4th, 2009. If your name is drawn, you will receive notification by March 11th. Only one application per junior hunter. Up to two junior hunters may be selected together as partners and they should submit their applications together (indicate partner's name on your application). It is important to read the application carefully, follow all the instructions, and print neatly.

Policy Statement - If you participated, or secured a spot, in last year's program (April 2009), you will not be eligible to participate in this year's program. This will give more junior hunters an opportunity to participate in this program. If you still possess a Jr. License next spring, you will be eligible once again.

An orientation tour of the area is available (recommended) the evening before each hunt, but is not mandatory. You will be able to scout your assigned area that evening, following orientation.

If you have any questions, call (530) 639-8800. Applications may be copied for others interested in the lottery.

SUISUN MARSH FIELD DAY - SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2009

The California Waterfowl Association has organized an entertainment and information field day at the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area located 15 miles south of Fairfield. Take Hwy 12 to Grizzly Road and turn south to the wildlife area headquarters. Admission to the event is free, with a BBQ lunch and refreshments available at an additional charge. Event runs from 9am-5pm.

There will be a youth waterfowl calling contest as well as many other activities for the children. Wildlife artists, decoy carvers, dog trainers, duck callers, and manufacturer representatives will be some of the people on hand. For more info call CWA at (916) 648-1406.

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL APPRENTICE TURKEY HUNT FOR JUNIORS AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SIERRA FOOTHILL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

(Complete this section and return -- Please print neatly)

Name: _____

Partner's Name (if any) _____
(Partner must submit separate application)

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Area Code _____ Home Phone _____

If available, would you like an experienced turkey hunter to accompany you?
YES NO Circle On (if you circled yes, check here if you could manage without ____)

Date Choice: April 4 _____, April 5 _____, April 18 _____, April 19 _____
(Mark 1, 2, 3, & 4 for date preferences, 1 for first choice, 4 for last, and N/A for dates not available)

Mail to: U.C. Apprentice Turkey Hunt
8279 Scott Forbes Road
Browns Valley, CA 95918-9636

(or) Fax to: (530) 639-2419 (if faxing application, do not use pencil)

Illegible or incomplete applications will be disqualified.

2008-2009 LAKE SONOMA PIG HUNTING INFORMATION – ARCHERY, CROSSBOW & SHOTGUN ONLY

Archery and crossbow hunting of feral pigs is permitted on about 10,000 acres of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property at Lake Sonoma near Geyserville. Lake Sonoma is about 70 miles north of San Francisco and west of Hwy 101. There are hundreds of pigs estimated to be on the property.

Hunting dates are as follows:

Archery and Crossbow Nov. 19, 2008-Apr. 11, 2009 with the exception of all Mondays and Tuesdays. Shotguns with slug loads may be used on the Dry Creek arm of the lake during February ONLY. Crossbows and bows may also be used in February on both arms of the lake (no hunting Mondays or Tuesdays).

There are major changes to the hunting policy at Lake Sonoma. Most importantly: the shoreline will be off limits from Nov. 19 to Apr. 11 to any vessel that is not registered at a campsite, registered to hunt that day or any vessel whose occupant/operator is not within shouting distance of the vessel. Any vessel not meeting one of these three exceptions will be considered "abandoned equipment" and its owner subject to citation (\$150.00) and possible impound fees.

Hunters will initially be required to check in with the visitor center staff. Hunters will also be required to show: a driver's license, valid California Hunting License, and pig tags. They will then be issued with a hunting pass for their vehicle and vessel and given a brief orientation on hunting at the park.

Hunters may self-register only after they are issued a parking/boating hunting pass. Self registration will consist of filling out their name and vehicle/ vessel hunting pass number as well as date in and date out of the park. This check in process can be done before or after hours at the visitor center.

Hunting stands and game cameras are permitted provided that they do not

permanently scar the trees.

Stay within park boundaries even if an injured animal crosses onto private land. Park personnel may not see you but our neighbors do and they are very vocal in their disapproval of trespass. Hunters are subject to all park rules and regulations as well as all county, state, and local laws.

Click on the website http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/lakesonoma/hunting_information.html or call the Lake Sonoma Visitor Center at (707) 433-9483 Ext 27. The visitor center is open Wednesday – Sunday, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, closed Monday and Tuesday.

2009 JOICE ISLAND PIG HUNT

The DFG will be holding a permit-only pig hunt to control a small population of wild pigs on the Joice Island Unit of Grizzly Island Wildlife Area in Solano County. Joice Island is a 2,150 acre wetland area consisting of thick cattails, tules, some brush and standing water. The first weekend of this hunting opportunity has been reserved for junior hunters. Two-day pig hunt permits will be issued by drawing for the following weekends:

Junior Hunters (12 and over with a Junior Hunting License) – March 7-8, 2009

General (Adults or Juniors may apply) – March 14-15, 2009; March 21-22, 2009; March 28-29, 2009; April 4-5, 2009; April 11-12, 2009; April 18-19, 2009; and April 25-26, 2009.

Three hunters will be drawn for each of the eight weekends, for a total of 24 hunters. The drawing for the 24 two-day permits will be held on Feb. 13, 2009. Permits with maps and additional information will be mailed to successful applicants. A permit holder may bring one non-hunting partner. Hunters may use dogs for this hunt. Note: Only shotguns using slugs and archery will be allowed for this hunt.

How To Apply: Send a standard U.S. Postal Service postcard (available at local post offices), with the following

information: Hunter Name (Junior hunters must also provide name of adult chaperone), Valid Hunting License number, Address, City, State, Zip, Telephone Number and Hunt Date. Mail application card to: Joice Island Pig Hunt, 2548 Grizzly Island Road, Suisun, CA 94585.

Choose Only One Hunt Date: Application cards must be received by close of business, Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009. Each hunter may apply only one time and for only one date. Application will be accepted for parties of up to two hunters, but the card must contain information for both hunters. Incomplete cards and multiple entries will not be accepted. There is no fee to apply.

WILD PIG HUNTING CLINIC: JUNE 6, 2009

Location: Valley of the Moon Gun Club, Sonoma.

In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association, DFG is offering an exciting clinic which will cover pig biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, methods for locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and, the final reward...wild pig recipes. We will be field dressing and skinning a pig and raffling it off at the end of the clinic.

Space is limited. Cost \$40. BBQ lunch available for \$10 at the clinic. 16 years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There are two ways to register: Visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/docs/regform.pdf> or contact: DFG Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916-358-4356.

HUNTING AND FISHING AT CAMP ROBERTS

Pending base approval, the hunting and fishing program at the 43,000 acre Camp Roberts should open on the last weekend of April.

Trout Fishing – The Nacimiento River is usually stocked with trout through the summer provided that the water levels are adequate to support fish. Fishing is open many weekends

through the summer beginning the last weekend of April.

Hunting – Deer, pig, dove, rabbit, quail, and waterfowl hunting takes place during appropriate seasons of the year. Opening day (usually mid-August) for deer and pig hunting is by reservation only. Hunting continues to the end of the year.

Permits are available for sale during hunting and fishing periods at the wildlife check station at Gate 3, located near the East Garrison exit from Hwy 101. Schedules, maps, and opening day reservation forms can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope, along with your request, to the mailing address. Hunters and anglers must have a California hunting and/or fishing license plus the Camp Roberts hunting/fishing permits. Hunting and fishing may be closed on short notice due to military operations.

For more information, contact:

California Army National Guard
HQ Camp Roberts
ATTN: Hunting and Fishing Program
Camp Roberts, CA 93451-5000
Recorded Information Line – (805)
238-8167

<http://www.calguard.ca.gov/CpRbts/Pages/default.aspx>

WILD PIG HUNTING CLINIC: APRIL 25, 2009

Location: Fort Hunter Liggett, Monterey County.

In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association, we bring you this exciting clinic which will cover pig biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, methods for locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and, the final reward...wild pig recipes. We will be field dressing and skinning a pig and raffling it off at the end of the clinic.

Space is limited. Cost is \$40. BBQ lunch available for \$10 at the clinic. Sixteen years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There are two ways to register:
Visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/docs/regform.pdf> or contact:
DFG Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916-358-4356.

WILD PIG HUNTING CLINIC: AUG. 1, 2009

Location: Tejon Ranch, southern Kern County.

In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association, DFG is offering an exciting clinic which will cover pig biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, methods for locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and, the final reward...wild pig recipes. We will be field dressing and skinning a pig and raffling it off at the end of the clinic.

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DFG Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916-358-4356.

UPLAND GAME HUNTING CLINIC: SEPT. 26, 2009

Southern California, at a location to be announced.

In partnership with Quail Unlimited, this clinic will include information about how to hunt pheasant, quail, and chukar. Topics will include history, habitat, food, range maps, equipment, and hunting with or without a dog. There will be dog demonstrations, both pointers and flushers.

Space is limited. Cost: \$40. Sixteen years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There are two ways to register:
Visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced/docs/regform.pdf> or contact:
DFG Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916-358-4356.

WATERFOWL HUNTING CLINIC: OCT. 3, 2009

Location: San Jacinto Wildlife Area, Riverside County.

From duck calls to duck identification, this clinic has it all. This clinic will focus on calling, bird ID, ethics, etiquette, gauging distance, decoy placement, and ballistics.

Space is limited. Cost: \$40. Sixteen years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There are two ways to register:
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RABBIT HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

STATE WILDLIFE AREA

California hunters are looking forward to another rabbit season. The proposed season begins Tuesday, July 1, 2009 and extends through Sunday, January 31, 2010 for cottontail, brush, pygmy and snowshoe rabbits. Jackrabbit season remains open year round.

Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. The best time to hunt rabbits is early morning and at sunset, when they're most active. The limit is five per day, and 10 in possession statewide. There is no limit for black-tailed and white-tailed jackrabbits. Most shotguns, archery and rifles (including air rifles firing pellets, excluding BBs, powered by compressed air or gas) are legal for rabbit hunting.

Each year, California hunters report the harvest of about 85,000 cottontails and 75,000 jack rabbits.

Rabbits are famous for speed, which is why they're so much fun to hunt. Jackrabbits hide by "freezing" in cover, but once they're jumped they head for open country. Cottontails run in a big circle after they're jumped, so many hunters will use a dog to trail the rabbit while the hunter waits for it to return. Look for rabbits in brushy, rocky areas where they

can hide from predators. Brushy, stream side habitat is also a favorite. Wildlife areas along the major rivers provide some of the best rabbit hunting.

If you are interested in creating brush piles or rock piles for rabbit habitat that will provide game for years to come, call Wildlife Biologist Dale Whitmore at (530) 743-5068 and ask for tips on where and how to make a wildlife brush pile. A sportsman club or eagle scout project on either public or private lands is a project which will produce wildlife for years to come.

Rabbits vary greatly in size, from less than a pound for a pygmy rabbit, to more than 10 pounds for a white-tailed jackrabbit. There are seven species of rabbit in California.

HUNTING RECOMMENDATIONS

Most of the DFG's wildlife areas are open to rabbit hunting. There may, however, be restrictions to the method of take. For complete hunting regulations, consult the 2007/2008 California Hunting Regulations: Waterfowl, Upland Game, Hunting and other Public Uses on the State and Federal Areas, available at DFG offices and online at www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations.

POPULAR RABBIT AND HARE SPECIES IN CALIFORNIA

BLACK-TAILED HARE OR JACKRABBIT: The most common in California, this species is found everywhere except high in the Sierra Nevada. It averages 22 inches long and weighs 4 to 6 pounds. Its fur is grayish-brown and its ears—up to 6 inches long—are longer than its hind feet. Black-tails are very good eating, especially when they're young.

SNOWSHOE HARE: Named for its large feet in proportion to its body size, the snowshoe is about 15 inches long and weighs 2 ½ to 4 ½ pounds. It is brown in summer and white in winter. Snowshoes live in mountain riparian habitats ranging throughout the Cascade Mountains in the north and extending through the Sierra Nevada to approximately Mariposa County. Although they are rarely taken by hunters, they're considered excellent eating.

DESERT COTTONTAIL: One of the most popular game rabbits, this species averages 15 inches long and 1 ½ to 2 ½ pounds with brown fur, black-tipped ears and a large white tail. It ranges throughout the southern two-thirds of the state, excluding high elevations, inhabiting streamside, open forest and grassland/shrub habitats. It's also commonly found around urban areas.

MOUNTAIN COTTONTAIL: This cottontail is grayishbrown and has long hair inside the ears, with a white tail. It is about 14 inches long, and 1 ½ to 2 ½ pounds. It lives in northeastern California and along the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada mountains down to northern Inyo County.

BRUSH RABBIT: Nicknamed "blue belly" for the bluish fur on its belly, this small gray rabbit is about 13 inches long and weighs 1 to 2 pounds. It lives in dense, brushy areas throughout western California and along the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada. Hunters usually take these rabbits while quail hunting. Some hunters say they are even tastier than cottontails.

BIG GAME DRAWING DEADLINE - June 2, 2009

Do you plan to apply for pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep or deer tags this year? The drawing deadline date for applying is months away but now is the time to mark your calendar; applications must be received at the License and Revenue Branch (LRB) in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

Hunting licenses and deer tag applications will be available at DFG offices and license agents by mid-April. You can also pick up a copy of the California Hunting Digest, Big Game Hunting for complete instructions on how to apply.

For more information call LRB at (916) 928-5805 or visit www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing.



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CALLING ALL PTARMIGAN HUNTERS!

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Have You Been Hunting White-tailed Ptarmigan Lately? If not, have you seen any white-tailed ptarmigan lately? The DFG wants to document recent ptarmigan sightings in California, as well as determine how many people hunt these elusive alpine dwellers.

The white-tailed ptarmigan, *lagopus leucura*, is the smallest bird in the grouse family. Adults are 12 to 13 inches long, making them roughly the same size as the common pigeon. The average weight is 12 to 15 ounces.

In winter, this bird is pure white except for a black beak and eyes. In summer, it has a mottled and barred brown head, breast, and back with white wings, belly, and tail.

Ptarmigan are found in the mountains of western United States, Canada and Alaska. They were introduced to California in 1971 and 1972 into alpine (above the tree line) habitats in the Sierra Nevada at Mono Pass, Mono County. Today ptarmigan occupy areas of extreme eastern Madera, Mariposa, and Tuolumne counties, and extreme western Mono County. This is inside and just east of and adjacent to the eastern border of Yosemite National Park. White-tailed ptarmigan prefer areas with rock cover and low alpine shrubs.

The DFG established a hunting season for white-tailed ptarmigan in 1989 and awarded a limited number of hunting permits through a lottery drawing. The lottery was discontinued by the third season due to very low hunter interest. In fact, ptarmigan are apparently seldom hunted in California; in its mailing to a random sample of California hunters, the DFG's annual Game Take Hunter Survey consistently records very few ptarmigan hunters.

The next white-tailed ptarmigan season in California runs Sept. 13-21, 2009. The bag and possession limit is two per day or season.

REPORT WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN OBSERVATIONS TO:

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